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SUBJECT: TRADE POLICY TEAM VISIT -- PROPOSED AGENDA

REFS: BRASILIA 6939 AND 7223

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1. TRADE POLICY TEAM WOULD EXPECT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSIONS AT ALL STOPS TO CONCENTRATE ON MTN ISSUES. WE BELIEVE THE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE INITIATED BY A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF US AND HOST COUNTRY'S OVERALL VIEW OF THE MTN WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO RELEVANCE AS A FORUM FOR TRADE ISSUES IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD REVIEW SPECIFIC MTN ISSUES INCLUDING (1) TROPICAL PRODUCTS, (2) TARIFFS, (3) SAFEGUARDS, (4) GATT REFORM, AND (5) SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. WE WOULD IN THESE ISSUES EXPECT TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, PROGRESSIVE ASSUMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. GENERAL BACKGROUND MATERIAL HAS ALSO BEEN PREPARED FOR USE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: CHARGES OF US PROTECTIONISM AND ACTIONS UNDER THE TRADE ACT INCLUDING STAINLESS STEEL AND HONEY, US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, RESULTS OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SANTIAGO, AND LIEVANO-FACIO TRADE PROPOSALS. TEAM DOES NOT PLAN TO RAISE THESE SUBJECTS BUT WILL BE

PREPARED TO DISCUSS IF HOST COUNTRY DESIRES.

3. OTHER TOPICS WHICH HOST COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO RAISE AND FOR WHICH RESPONSES HAVE BEEN PREPARED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VENEZUELA: OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP; MNC CODE OF CONDUCT

COLOMBIA: GOC ACCESSION TO GATT

ARGENTINA: HEALTH AND SANITARY RESTRICTIONS; IF APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, TEAM MAY RAISE QUESTION OF GOA RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES IN CONSULAR FEES AND FORMS AND LICENSING PROCEDURES.

PORT OF SPAIN: RUM AND ANGOSTURA BITTERS

4. FOR BRASILIA: MTN ISSUES IN SUB-GROUP MEETING WOULD BE SAME AS INDICATED ABOVE WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO BRAZILIAN GATT REFORM PROPOSAL. SUGGESTED BILATERAL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACCEPTABLE. IN LIGHT OF VISIT BY MARILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME OFFICIALS SHORTLY AFTER SUB-GROUP MEETINGS, WE BELIEVE SHIPPING QUESTION SHOULD BE LEFT FOR DISCUSSION DURING THEIR VISIT. WE ALSO AGREE WITH PROPOSED DELETION OF COMMODITY AND CIEC DISCUSSIONS. BRIEFING PAPERS BEING POUCHED AS REQUESTED. WELDON BURSON, ARA/ECP, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MTN NOTES.

5. IF POSTS ARE AWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL TOPICS HOST

GOVERNMENT MAY BE EXPECTED TO RAISE, OR HAVE ANY FURTHER
SUGGESTIONS OR ISSUES TO BE RAISED BY TEAM, PLEASE ADVISE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ORDER THAT BIOGRAPHIC DATA MAY
BE INCLUDED IN BRIEFING MATERIAL, POSTS ARE ALSO RE-
QUESTED TO FORWARD SCHEDULES AND NAMES OF HOST COUNTRY
PARTICIPANTS TO THE EXTENT PRESENTLY KNOWN. KISSINGER

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